

**Rafsanjani to Waldheim: We are honoured**

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani told his Austrian counterpart Kurt Waldheim Monday he should be proud of a broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, reported that in his first round of talks with the Austrian president since he arrived in Tehran Sunday, Rafsanjani said that "for us, your presence is a source of honour." He added that was "especially since your person is the source of spite and animosity for the Zionists and Americans, to the point that your entrance to America has been banned." Waldheim was put on a U.S. watch list of undesirable aliens in 1957 on suspicion that he was implicated in World War II atrocities. Referring to the ban, Rafsanjani said that "in our opinion, the reason for these hostilities is that during your tenure as head of the United Nations, you were not prepared to take any action to the benefit of the Zionists and against the deprived people of Palestine." Waldheim's visit to Tehran is the first by a western head of state since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

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**Allies pulling out of north Iraq**

ZAKHO (AP) — Allied forces have withdrawn nearly 4,000 troops from southern Turkey and northern Iraq in the past three weeks, and military and other sources said Monday the military occupation will end in under two months. Sources speaking on condition of anonymity said American officials told western aid workers over the weekend that the allied presence in Iraq would continue for "more than two weeks, but less than two months." The American officials, identified as Fred Cuny, an aid expert working for the U.S. State Department's disaster assistance relief team, and U.S. army Maj. Gen. Jay Garner, commander of the security side of the operation to repatriate the Kurds, told aid workers they could not be more specific, the sources said. Aides to Garner declined to comment Monday when asked about the meeting. A high-ranking American military officer said he believed allied troops would be out of Iraq in six weeks. The comments were among the first indications of a specific time frame on ending the allied occupation of northern Iraq. Nearly all the 450,000 Kurds who fled to Turkey after a failed rebellion in Iraq in March have returned home.

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**Iraqi pilgrims to leave for Saudi Arabia**

NICOSIA (R) — Iraq said on Monday that Saudi Arabia, a Gulf war enemy, had agreed to let Iraqis join the annual pilgrimage to Mecca this month. The pilgrims will travel by road, Iraqi news agency said, quoting an official of the ministry of religious affairs. A private company has been set up to provide transport and other services. The report gave no indication how many Iraqis would make the haj.

**Greenpeace: Ban burning of toxic waste**

BRUSSELS (R) — Greenpeace criticised governments and industry worldwide on Monday, saying they ignored the dangers of burning toxic waste and the misery it could wreak on people's health and livelihoods. The environmental action group told a news conference that industry hid the risks of burning hazardous waste. It called for a global moratorium on new waste incinerators and the phasing-out of existing ones. Earlier a Greenpeace team swarmed onto a major construction site opposite the European Community's famous X-shaped Berlaymont building and climbed a 45-metre crane, draped it with huge banners. Greenpeace members showed reporters a study challenging the belief that dangerous effluents could be burned safely and said incinerators produced substances which threatened the environment. "Toxic ash emitted can be more dangerous than what went in and incinerators cannot be continually monitored," Greenpeace member Lisa Finatti said.

**Talabani wants international guarantees**

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — The Kurds of Iraq will insist on international guarantees in any agreement with the central Baghdad government, a Kurdish leader said Monday. Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said the safety of Iraq's 3.5 million Kurds depend on the country's internal security, the presence of about 15,000 guerrillas under his command in northern Iraq, democracy and international guarantees for the Kurds. "International guarantees are of utmost importance," Talabani said without specifying what they might consist of. As to the U.S. military forces in northern Iraq, he said, "they should leave" after the Kurds reached an agreement with the Iraqi government and "after the threat of genocide ceases."

**Protesters interrupt U.S. Gulf commanders**

NEW YORK (R) — Screaming protesters repeatedly interrupted American Gulf war leaders on Sunday as they spoke during a memorial service for the U.S. war dead. Their shouts echoing through the cavernous Cathedral of St. John the Divine, protesters interrupted Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gulf war commanders Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf eight times during the service. A man and a woman repeatedly screamed "murderer, murderer" at Cheney as he tried to speak. "There are murderers in this cathedral," another man shouted as Schwarzkopf, commander of allied forces in the Gulf, read a passage from Virgil's "Aeneid." "Your yellow ribbon is covered with blood," the man yelled as guards moved to throw him out.

**Hundreds killed in Afghan raids'**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Massive bombing raids by Afghan warplanes have killed scores of innocent people in civilians in western Herat province, a Muslim guerrilla leader claimed Monday. "The Afghan government air force and long-range artillery are being extensively used. At least 40,000 civilians have fled Herat and moved to Iran," Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of Jamiat-E-Islami, or party of Islam, told reporters.

**Prince Hassan:**

## Mideast is testing ground for credible world order

ISTANBUL (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday laid stress to the need for all members of the world community to work together towards peace and the insurance of equitable socio-economic well-being for all people.

The Middle East region is very obviously both an international catalyst and a testing ground," said the Crown Prince in an address delivered on his behalf to the meeting of a Socialist International Middle East committee in Istanbul.

"Our fate — North and South — are inexorably linked in this infinite interdependent world and it has rightly been said that the primary focus of security is people and not states nor the elite, the affluent or the more powerful," Prince Hassan said.

In the address, presented by the Prince's economic advisor, Dr. Ahmad Mango, he stressed that fact that for a better future, socio political progress must be paralleled by significant progress

in sustainable economic development and security. "We must develop an alternative to the political economy of despair that the Middle East's conflict have left us with — towards a political economy of peace and progress," the Crown Prince concluded.

Referring to the situation in the Middle East, the Prince said that the source of unrest in the region at the moment was the refusal of certain Israeli politicians to accept the principle of land for peace. At any rate, the Gulf war has proved that territorial depth no longer ensured safety, he said.

By taking such factors into consideration and while formulating their policies for this region, the superpowers could facilitate initial political negotiations and be even more instrumental in helping to create a positive regional security environment in this region, the Prince said.

Prince Hassan noted that arms control is at the heart of the new strategic security environment.

Prince Hassan referred to the Helsinki agreement for security in Europe and said that the Helsinki process can be extended to the Middle East based on energy policy, arms control and debt reduction.

## Moussa in Damascus; Levy leaves for Washington

DAMASCUS (Agencies) —

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa flew to Damascus on Monday for talks with Syrian leaders on the stalled Middle East peace process and security arrangements in the post-war Gulf, officials said.

Moussa, visiting Damascus for the first time since being appointed two weeks ago, told reporters on arrival his visit was aimed at maintaining coordination between the two Arab allies.

"Our talks will deal with a big number of issues related to the situation in the region and the peace process. We are keen to continue coordination on the highest level between Cairo and

Damascus," Moussa said.

Officials said the Egyptian minister would start talks with his Syrian counterpart Farouq Al Shara later on Monday.

Moussa who attended last week's talks between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and President Hafez Al Assad in Cairo was expected to meet the Syrian leader during his visit.

Assad and Mubarak agreed during their talks on the need for the convening of a Middle East peace talks but insisted on the power of veto.

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ference supports a U.N. role in any peace talks but Israel opposes this.

The Israeli rejection was contained in a letter from hardline Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to U.S. President George Bush who offered compromise proposals to keep his peace efforts alive.

Shamir said on Sunday Israel would accept Palestinians as part of a Jordanian delegation in peace talks but insisted on the power of veto.

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## U.N. envoy urges aid for Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) —

United Nations envoy Bettino Craxi wound up a 24-hour visit to Beirut Monday, saying consolidation of the current peace process would facilitate the reconstruction of Lebanon.

"Political stability and the evolution of peace will accelerate development in the region," the former Italian prime minister told reporters at Beirut airport.

Craxi flew in Sunday and held talks Monday with senior government leaders to assess Lebanon's reconstruction requirements after 16 years of civil war.

The European Community, Arab and western countries have a responsibility towards Lebanon at this crucial phase," Craxi said in French. "I hope they will forward to help as soon as possible."

Craxi met with President Elias

Hrawi, parliament speaker Hussein Husseini, Prime Minister Omar Karami and Foreign Minister Farès Bweiz.

Sources at the presidential palace said he discussed plans by U.N. agencies and the European Community to contribute to the reconstruction of Lebanon's shattered infrastructure.

Western diplomatic sources said U.N. experts estimate Lebanon would need \$5 billion to bring rebuilding devastated areas along the dismantled green line that had split Beirut into Muslim and Christian sectors since 1975.

U.N. agencies and the EC would extend \$2.5 billion of soft loans to rebuild highways, telephone and telecommunication services, power plants and several industries, the sources said.

Meanwhile, a British govern-

ment minister said on Monday he saw grounds for "careful optimism" over the release of western hostages in Lebanon but also cautioned against hopes of their early return.

Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hogg, the most senior British official to visit Beirut in six years, said the governments of Iran, Syria and Lebanon itself all recognised the importance of securing the release of the 12 hostages.

On the second day of his visit Hogg met Suannie Mann, 73-year-old wife of British hostage Jack Mann.

"There are grounds for careful optimism," he told reporters afterwards.

He added: "There is no reason to think that we are going to see an early release and I don't want to give that impression."

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nam syndrome" and illustrating to all nations, unequivocally, that the U.S. is the reigning and sole world superpower. Specifically, it was a tribute to air power and to the value of stealth — two vital elements which gave the U.S. superiority in the skies and enabled Washington and its allies to massively defeat Iraq and reverse the occupation of Kuwait. For anti-war activists, however, the weekended parade was an offensive "fascist military spectacle" taking place, unnecessarily, they say, at the expense of the U.S. tax-payers and with no sensitivity to the civilian lives lost by the "not-smart" bombs that fell on Iraq during the 100-day long war.

The Washington Post called it a "love affair" between "people and war machines." It said that approximately

800,000 people were gathered in Washington over the weekend to "test drive" America's war machines, to "feel" part of a winning team, to see how America's high-tech war machinery works and to meet "the country's newest heroes." A 15-year-old boy said he wanted to get a taste of the hands-on experience of war machinery. "You've got to see how we won the war and what we won it with," said another young American.

Although polls taken recently show a drop in the percentage of Americans who, in hindsight, think the war against Iraq was worth it, the parade was clearly a very popular event enjoyed by a public which was supportive of the Gulf war.

But at a cost of \$12 million,

Washington's largest military



His Majesty King Hussein Monday leads celebrations for Army Day and Great Arab Revolt anniversary (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

## Jordan celebrates Army Day, Great Arab Revolt anniversary

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said Monday that the anniversary of the Great Arab Revolt and Army Day represents the most important national anniversary for Jordan as it is a dear anniversary for all Arabs and commemorates the creation of the Armed Forces which inherited the revolt's mission of providing protection to the Arab World.

Speaking to reporters following a ceremony held at the Martyrs Monument at the outskirts of Amman to commemorate the anniversary, King Hussein said that it is indeed a dear anniversary for all of us, and we have reason to raise our heads high in pride of the Arab army which we are ready to uphold and protect with our souls.

King Hussein later watered the olive tree in the backyard and

signed the visitors register.

Earlier, the King presented medals to a number of officers of the Armed Forces, the Public Security and Civil Defence, and well-wishers at Al Hussein Youth City. These included the Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb, cabinet members, parliament deputies, heads of tribal units, as well as the commander of the Palestine Army in Jordan and heads of diplomatic missions and their military attaches.

Army Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb hosted a lunch at Al Hussein Youth City in honour of King Hussein.

Attending were their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah and Prince Ali ibn Al Hussein, the prime minister and senior officials.

## Algerian military holds 34 Muslim militants

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Political violence, including sabotage, has persisted despite calls by Islamic fundamentalist leaders for an end to protests that resulted in a state of siege, authorities said Monday.

Security officials said at least 34 people had been arrested since Saturday in various incidents of political unrest, including two assaults by a crowd of 600 people on an Algiers police station where two Islamic militants were jailed.

The defence ministry said an unspecified number of foreigners were among those arrested and reported that arms cache had been seized in several cities. There were unconfirmed reports that suspects from France, Tunisia and Sudan were among those in custody for promoting a takeover by Islamic radicals.

Abdelkader Boukhalfa, a leader of the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front, condemned that hundreds of people had been arrested.

The official Algerian Press Service reported that the Salafist Front's president, Sheikh Abdess Madani, was turned back by police when he tried to enter a gas complex in central Algeria to negotiate the reinstatement of fired workers. The agency said officers at one point fired shots at Madani's car, but no one was injured.

## Libya: Britain escalates hostile campaign

NICOSIA (R) — Libya accused Britain on Monday of escalating a hostile campaign against it and distorting remarks made by Libyan officials.

The official news agency JANA said certain British officials and informants to Libyan media had attributed incorrect statements to Libyan officials.

The distortion of these statements were meant to serve tendentious aims," JANA, received in Cyprus, said.

British news reports have said Libya wants to restore diplomatic ties with Britain. Broken in 1984 after a policewoman was killed by a shot fired from the Libyan embassy in London.

But the British government insists that Libya should renounce terrorism and withdraw backing for the Irish Republican Army (IRA) before there can be any suggestion of a renewal of links.

Political sources quoted by Britain's national news agency, the Press Association, had said Libya was ready to offer information on alleged shipments of arms and explosives to the IRA, if Britain accepted to restore diplomatic relations.

Conservative MP Ted Taylor returned from a visit to Libya last week with a Libyan donation to a British police charity, which he said showed Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi's regret for the killing of the policewoman.

The Observer newspaper on Sunday quoted Libya's ambassador to the United Nations, Ali Treiki, as saying his country had now broken all links with the IRA, fighting in Northern Ireland.

## U.S. stages 'mother of parades'

By Toby Williams  
Special to the Jordan Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It has been dubbed the "mother of all parades." The United States National Victory Celebrations honouring soldiers who took part in "Operation Desert Storm" to liberate Kuwait from Iraq's occupation made Washington's streets and skies come to life over the weekend with a display, before thousands of people, of the military equipment used in the war against Iraq.

The politicians and generals had more than just a military "victory" against Iraq to celebrate. The parade, resembling the Soviet military parades during the heights of the Cold War, had just as much to do with honouring the U.S. soldiers who served in the Gulf as it did with "kicking the Viet-

nam syndrome" and illustrating to all nations, unequivocally, that the U.S. is the reigning and sole world superpower. Specifically, it was a tribute to air power and to the value of stealth — two vital elements which gave the U.S. superiority in the skies and enabled Washington and its allies to massively defeat Iraq and reverse the occupation of Kuwait. For anti-war activists, however, the weekended parade was an offensive "fascist military spectacle" taking place, unnecessarily, they say, at the expense of the U.S. tax-payers and with no sensitivity to the civilian lives lost by the "not-smart" bombs that fell on Iraq during the 100-day long war.

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These Americans who consider themselves no less patriotic than those wearing yellow ribbons and waving American flags are more concerned with tackling what they believe are problems of racism and poverty at home and would have preferred to see the money spent on education and health services in the U.S.

The counter demonstration set up by anti-war activists attracted a relatively small group of 200 protesters who were booed when they expressed themselves in opposition to a very popular event. The protesters objected, among other things, to the display of military hardware which killed thousand of Iraqis during the war, originally launched to rid Kuwait of an illegal occupation.

The protesters said the parade disregarded the Iraqi civilian lives which were lost to the very weaponry that was being nationally displayed in Washington.

Ana Crawford, representing an anti-war organisation called

"Waging Peace," said the parade and the display of weaponry obscured the reality that the equipment being displayed has killed human beings. "Our children are playing on weapons that kill other children," she protested with the aim of reminding fellow Americans of the evil of militarism."

Colman McCarthy, a syndicated columnist and a peace activist at the Centre for Teaching Peace,



## Insecurity still reigns in southern Ethiopia region

By Rowena Whelan  
Reuter

SODO, Ethiopia — Irish Nun Helen Gormally decided it was time to buy a machinegun to defend her mission school when looting broke out in this southern Ethiopian town as the old Marxist regime crumbled.

"There was a lot of shooting at night. We already had armed guards, but on the Thursday we bought a machinegun," Sister Helena said, referring to the third day after the capital Addis Ababa fell to rebel forces on May 28.

She said mission guards scared away would-be looters, who advanced on the mission, by firing the machinegun over their heads.

But the victory of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) forces has done little to lessen the concern of people in the north Omo area where insecurity has become a permanent feature of life.

Residents and local aid workers say shooting can still be heard at night as EPRDF troops flood into the area, tightening their grip on the remote, poverty-stricken region.

"We don't know what will happen. We are just living from day to day," Sister Helena said.

She said there was real hatred

emerging after 17 years of oppression under the Marxist rule of deposed Ethiopian Leader Mengistu Haile Mariam.

Anarchy broke out in Sodo, 400 kilometres south of Addis Ababa, after the May 28 takeover. Former government soldiers sold their Soviet-made weapons to anybody who would buy them as they fled from the advancing victorious forces.

EPRDF troops occupied Sodo four days after taking power.

An anti-aircraft artillery truck abandoned by government soldiers still points its guns towards Sister Helena's school. But EPRDF troops have now disarmed it.

The commander of the EPRDF troops told the first journalists to reach Sodo that his forces met no resistance when they entered the town.

"The soldiers had already escaped when we arrived," said commander Tekle Weldesabzi. He said he had 120 fighters stationed in Sodo and they were cooperating with local self-defence groups set up by village leaders in the region.

"We want to cooperate with the local people ... but we will be hard to re-start relief operations with grain stores destroyed.

Young scuffily-dressed EPRDF fighters from the Tigray region in northern Ethiopia, who have set up their headquarters in Sodo's police station, lounged in the sunshine.

Missionaries said trouble began almost immediately after Mengistu fled to Zimbabwe on May 22. Demoralised soldiers began retreating, many of them trying to reach their home areas.

"Law and order began to break down the minute Mengistu left," said Sister Carmel, who runs a charity school for blind children at Shashemene, 300 kilometres down the main road south from Addis Ababa.

"The soldiers were hungry, and they wanted money to get to their homes."

The grain stores of the Irish-based charity, Concern, were razed and 800 tonnes of emergency relief supplies looted.

"That would have been enough to feed nearly 100,000 people on half-rations for a month," said Tom Lavin, Concern's field director.

More than 300,000 peasants face starvation in north Omo, aid officials say. They feared it would be hard to re-start relief operations with grain stores destroyed.

to honour the start of the struggle 42 months ago.

An informal Reuter count showed nearly twice as many Palestinians were killed in May at the hands of fellow Arabs than by Israeli gunfire: 28 against 18.

"We feel that this wave of killing has to be put to an end — to be stopped," said Hanna Siniiora, a nationalist figure and editor of Al Fajr a newspaper that supports the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Some nationalist figures said Palestinians were wasting energy

## Kuwaitis indifferent

By Neil MacFarquhar  
The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — The first death sentence in the collaboration trials left Kuwaitis indifferent, most too involved in restocking their houses to even follow the cases.

And the acting prosecutor general said more such sentences would follow as he asked for the maximum penalty for virtually all the approximately 300 defendants scheduled to appear.

"A death sentence? There wasn't one," said Masad Ahmed, a 45-year-old government employee picking over new tires and batteries in an outdoor car market. "There was? Well if people were really collaborating and hurting Kuwait, they should hang."

The martial law court on Saturday condemned a 33-year-old stateless man who never got a chance to speak to his court-appointed lawyer.

Manhali al Shimmiri, a radar technician in the Kuwait air force, was accused of joining Iraq's popular army and providing information to the enemy that hurt the independence of Kuwait.

There is no appeal under martial law rules. But Crown Prince Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, who is also martial law governor, must approve all sentences in consultation with three judges from the court of appeals.

The three said Sunday there was no set time frame for their review, but they expected to expedite all collaboration cases.

Martial law, first im-

plemented at the Feb. 26 li-

beration for three months, has been extended a month.

Al Shimmiri has the right to submit a petition to the crown prince to commute or stay the penalty.

"I hope Sheikh Saad, by his mercy, will save his life," defense attorney Ahud Latif Al Seif said. He said he had been unable to go over Al Shimmiri's case with him since he was appointed counsel on May 25 because he was busy with dozens of other cases and with getting his ransacked office in order.

The acting prosecutor-general, Hamid Al Othman, pointed out that all the more than 200 defendants who have appeared in court so far have faced the death penalty, the maximum for collaboration.

"We've asked for the death penalty in each case. In this case it was taken," he said.

He said he would have to see the full decision by the judge, still being typewritten Sunday, before he could comment further.

Al Seif said the judge had marked with large Xs the points in Al Shimmiri's April 23 confession that appeared damning.

It included volunteering for the army, wearing the Iraqi uniform, helping load ammunition boxes onto trucks bound for Kuwait and visiting his wife and two children in Kuwait twice without trying to escape the army.

No witnesses were heard in the court, nor was the evidence against him presented out loud.

## 'Democracy is a sin'

PARIS (AP) — Muslim fundamentalists have scored a victory in Algeria by forcing the government to call early presidential elections, and now the nation's 2-year-old experiment with democracy will be put to the test.

The North African nation, in its second state of emergency in less than three years, is bound to make an irrevocable break with its past when it holds legislative and then presidential elections, perhaps in as little as six months.

The question is whether the voters will exchange 26 years of subservience to a Marxist-Socialist state for the social strictures of an Islamic state.

The fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front, the main opposition party, overwhelmingly won municipal and local elections last June. Although its popularity has slipped, the party led the street protests that forced the government to give in on presidential elections.

But despite championing early elections, the party isn't keen on an open society.

"Democracy is a sin," the Islamic Front's number two leader, Ali Belhadj, said last week.

Until two weeks ago, Algeria was moving ahead in a democratic process born in the aftermath of deadly 1988 riots that discredited the ruling National Liberation Front and spawned dozens of new political parties.

The government was caught off guard by violent protests by the fundamentalists three weeks before Algeria's first multiparty parliamentary elections, scheduled for June 27. The Islamic Front demanded

that a presidential election be held with the legislative vote.

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## Jordan to attend meeting on environment protection

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan is taking part in a conference by ministers responsible for the protection of the environment in the developing nations, opening in Peking Friday, and will present its own experiment in matters related to fighting off pollution and protecting the environment.

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Mohammad Abdou Zaben, who is taking part in the meeting, said that through the conference, and inside meetings, the Jordanian delegation would seek to bolster Jordan's cooperation with other nations in the quest of finding solutions for environmental problems.

The minister, who is accompanied by two senior officials from his department, said that the seven-day meeting was expected to discuss challenges facing the world community and enhancing cooperation among Third World

nations to protect the environment from pollution.

Dr. Zaben, who was speaking Sunday evening upon his departure for Peking, said that major issues related to the contamination of the environment and of concern to the world community would be tackled with a view to reaching a common formula to engineer collective action against pollution and safeguard socio-economic development, and, at the same time deal with the problem of growing population in the Third World.

The Pecking parley will pave the way for an international conference on the protection of the environment which is scheduled to be held in Brazil in 1992, said Dr. Zaben.

The minister noted that the participants in the Peking meeting would endorse a special document outlining a common stand

## International activists end peace march, plan trip to Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) — The international Gulf Peace Team who arrived in Amman Sunday after a march from the Israeli occupied West Bank to show support for peace between Israel and Arab countries are planning to go to Iraq on what a member of the group termed as a reconciliation mission.

The 20-member group will be joined by at least seven others from various nationalities on the trip to Iraq which could start immediately upon obtaining visas from Iraqi Embassy in Amman, according to group member Kathy Kelly, of Chicago, Illinois.

The peace team will visit Al Amriyah shelter, which was raided by allied bombers during the Gulf war, and will visit the road linking Karbala to Baghdad and the "death route," followed by Iraqi troops on their way to Iraq after evacuating Kuwait where they were bombed while retreating, Mr. Kelly told the Jordan Times Monday.

"By a reconciliation mission we

mean to express sympathy to the people of Iraq and to express determination in pursuing any possible course that would prevent a recurrence of such atrocity on the part of the major powers," said Ms. Kelly.

The Gulf Peace Team, she added, will organise yet another trip to Iraq, by June 22, in order to voice total rejection of human rights violations and show solidarity with the oppressed people.

The group last week concluded a 120-kilometre march from Jerusalem, commemorating the six-day Arab-Israeli war of 1967, and according to Mr. Kelly, the team was contemplating the idea of holding an annual trek or gathering between Jerusalem and the River Jordan until the Palestinian people's rights have been restored.

The group crossed the King Hussein bridge over the Jordan River on Friday after walking for three days in the West Bank.

The marchers crossed the Amman city limits Sunday and headed for the United Nations buildings to deliver a petition urging international support for the human rights of Palestinians.

About a dozen Jordanian citizens joined the marchers in Amman. Security men escorted the group through the capital streets.

"We learned firsthand about the realities of what Israeli occupation means for Palestinian people, who are denied the freedom of movement, detained and their basic human rights are being violated," said Ms. Kelly.

"We want to give a firsthand witness of what we saw in the occupied territories to our home countries," said Ms. Kelly, one of the march organisers.

Members of the group were detained twice by Israeli police for entering strictly controlled military areas in the occupied territories.

The marchers included citizens of the United States, Australia, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Finland, India and Ireland.

## Deputy demands investigation into corporation violations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Parliament member Fadl Khalafat is reported to have submitted to the prosecutor general documents related to financial corruption cases at the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation and demanded that investigation start in these cases.

A report in Al Ra'i daily said that the documents pointed to 18 serious violations plus a number of petty cases also related to financial embezzlements.

To back the documents, the report said, the deputy provided names of witnesses who can give testimony in the court.

Earlier, corporation Director General Radi Al Khas held a press conference urging members of the public to submit any information pointing to improper financial dealings at his department to the public prosecutor.

## Specialised Medical Laboratory opened Tillawi Medical Laboratories

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**Dr. Ibrahim Shafiq Tillawi**

American Board of Anatomical and Clinical Pathology  
Fellow of the Society for Hematopathology

announces the opening of his laboratory, which is equipped with the latest technical equipment necessary for carrying out all tests. The laboratory started functioning as of Saturday June 8, 1991, at Shmeisani specialised medical centre, opposite Shmeisani Hospital's main entrance

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

★ Exhibition of photographs by Bernard Guillot at the French Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m. Comprehensive book exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre.

★ Exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Abdal Jabbar Salama at Alia Art Gallery, Insurance Building, 1st Circle

### LECTURES

★ Lecture entitled "Vernacular Landscapes of Jordan" by Dr. Kamel Mahadeh at the Goethe Institute — 7:00 p.m.  
Lecture in Arabic on the initiative of Dr. Asaad Abdul Rahman entitled "Challenges and Solutions" at UKAS Club, Jabal Lweibdeh — 8:00 p.m.

## Priorities for political parties, press laws

## Masaadeh: Government embarks on implementing National Charter principles

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government Monday announced plans to put into force the principles contained in the National Charter endorsed by the Jordanian people at a general congress in Amman Sunday.

Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Salem Masaadeh said in a statement to Radio Jordan Monday that the two priorities for the government at the moment are: the political parties law and the press and publication law.

"A draft law on political parties will soon be submitted to the Council of Ministers and then the public will be invited to declare the formation of their parties.

Mr. Masaadeh said. But, he added, the law will not be put into force until it acquires approval by the Lower House of Parliament.

"Any political party to be formed in the country should be a national party in terms of its principles and objectives and also in terms of its financing and its relationship and national and humanitarian aspirations," Mr. Masaadeh said.

In his statement the minister said: "The government will embark on serious action to translate the aspirations and ideas contained in the National Charter by creating proper laws formed within the framework of

the Jordanian Constitution."

The minister said that the laws would be enacted to conform to the spirit of the National Charter and to reflect the directives of His Majesty King Hussein, who, in his nationwide address, clearly defined the responsibilities of the legislative and executive authorities.

He said that only by following such a course, under the King's directives, can democracy pursue its natural course.

According to Mr. Masaadeh, the government is also following another course, namely preparing draft publication law which covers such matters as giving licence to people to issue news-

papers and magazines. He said the government had already crystallised the basic principles of this draft law.

In reference to the translation of the National Charter's ideas concerning social and economic issues, Mr. Masaadeh said that Jordan has sufficient laws to deal with these issues and to ensure the continued socio-economic march. He said that amendments to these laws could take place in the new atmosphere of political pluralism.

The National Charter was endorsed by more than 2,000 personalities, representing Jordanian citizens from all walks of life, at a

ceremony attended by His Majesty King Hussein.

The Charter was prepared by a 60-member Royal Commission chaired by former Prime Minister Ahmad Obaidat. In presenting the Charter to the audience Sunday, Mr. Obaidat described the Charter as laying down a number of concepts, values and rules to regulate national action and outline the path forward for the nation.

Based on the Charter, Mr. Obaidat said, national political organisations and parties will be allowed in the country, but they will be bound by the Constitution and by laws which believe in democracy.

## Military Court to try 24 alleged robbers

By Ahmad Kreishan  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Military Court is about to embark on the trial of 24 citizens, including one woman, who face seven serious charges, considered as major crimes in accordance with the Jordanian laws.

The 24 have been accused of creating a dangerous gang for committing robberies, dealing in foreign currency in the black market and carrying and employing fire arms with the purpose of committing robberies, court sources said.

The sources said that the accused have all been involved in a total of 20 robberies in various parts of Amman, getting away with a vast amount of jewellery, including golden and diamond pieces and pearls together estimated to be worth at least JD 1 million.

The sources said that the members of the gang had admitted to committing their crimes since as far back as December 1990 when

they broke into the Vocational Training Centre of Wadi Seer, which is operated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

Later, the gang directed its attention towards robbing homes. Robberies continued in Shmeisani, Jabal Hussein, Tla'a Al Ali, Sweifieh, Al Hussein refugee camp, Al Ashrafieh and Al Rasheed housing district.

"We normally provide advice and guidance to the pilgrims, most of whom are elderly, about means to protect themselves against food poisoning and to avoid sun strokes. We provide emergency services at mobile and stationary clinics set up for this purpose, but we also refer to the police and, immediately, the Amman Police Department went into action maintaining surveillance of a number of suspected areas where the gang could be haunting, said the sources.

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MEDINA (J.T.) — Sunstroke and food poisoning are the most common illnesses facing Muslims in Medina and Mecca where they perform the annual pilgrimage (Hajj), but the Jordanian medical team accompanying the pilgrims is ready for any emergency, said Dr. Fuad Dardour, head of the team.

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occupied by Israel in 1948 and 1967 are performing this year's Hajj. Only 955 of these pilgrims arrived here by air, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

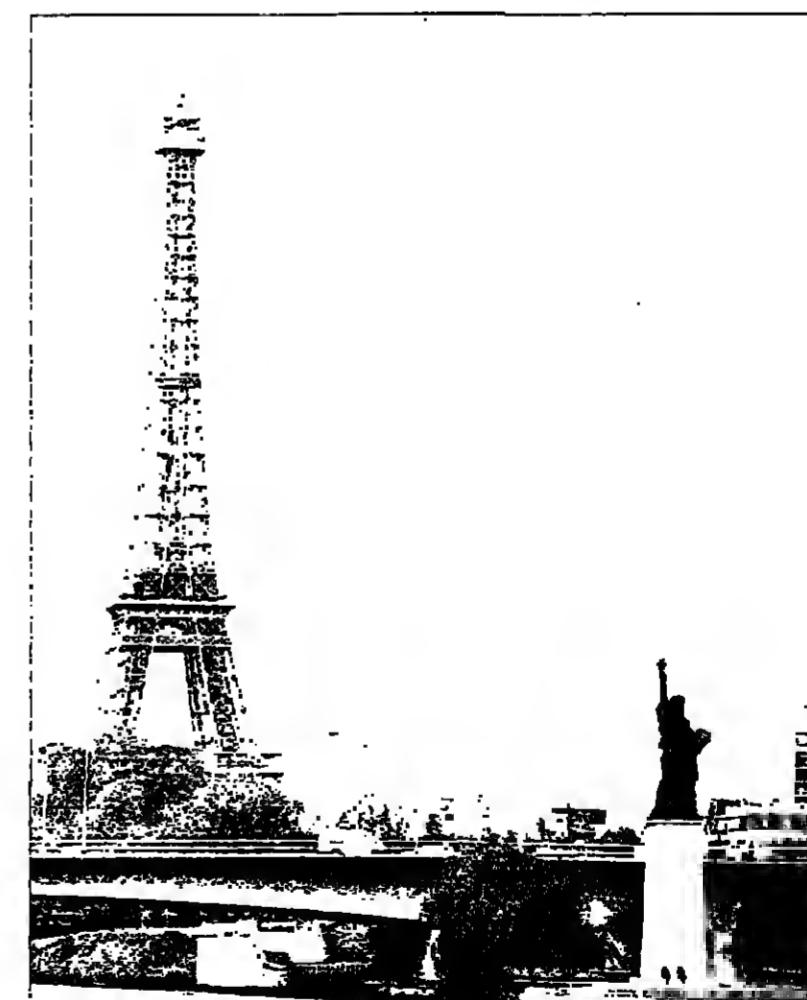
Dr. Dardour reported that all the pilgrims had arrived in Medina in good health, and that they would soon be heading for Mecca for the Hajj rites and final ceremonies preceding the Eid Al Adha (feast of sacrifice), expected by June 23.

Dr. Dardour said that part of the Jordanian medical team would remain in Medina, while the rest would accompany the pilgrims to Mecca.

Apart from the Medical team, the pilgrims are accompanied by administrative and informational teams, all of whom working in concert and under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic affairs.

Ministry's Secretary General Ahmad Hilayel arrived in Mecca Monday, ahead of the pilgrims, and inspected the housing units where the Jordanian and Palestinian pilgrims would be stayed

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# Features

## Largest peace conference

By E. Yaghi  
Special to the Jordan Times

**IN AN** ancient valley in the blessed city of Mecca is situated a place of worship known as the Ka'ba. It is here that God commanded Prophet Abraham and his son Ismael to construct this site of worship over four thousand years ago. The building was made of stone on what many believe was the original site of a sanctuary built by Prophet Adam.

Recent events in the Middle East have seemed to distort the image of the unique unity that is an inherent trait of Islam. Nonetheless, splintered Muslims may be due to national or political ideologies, the pilgrimage (or hajj) congregates this diversity of the faithful and veers them towards the largest annual convention of faith where Muslims meet. This convention which takes place in the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar, is the largest peace conference in the world where around two million people attend each year. Peace is the dominant theme; peace with God and one's soul, peace with one another and with animals, peace with birds and yes, even with insects. Truly in any day and age, peace is a blessing and a glorious goal to seek.

The pilgrimage breaks down barriers of class and race. From all corners of the globe and from all walks of life, muslims assemble in Mecca in response to the call of God. All dress in the same simple way demonstrating the fact that all are God's creatures and also reminder that when each believer faces death he will be even more simply clothed.

Too, all believers observe the same regulations, avow the same supplications at the same time in the same manner for the same end. During the pilgrimage there is no royalty, but only loyalty to God. There is no ruling class, but only humility and devotion to the supreme creator.

One of the many purposes of the hajj is to acquaint the pilgrims with the spiritual and historical environment of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). Another is to commemorate the divine rituals observed by Abraham and Ismael who are the first pilgrims to the first house of God on earth, that is, the Ka'ba at Mecca.

The pilgrimage is a reminder of the grand assembly on the Day of Judgement when all people will stand equal before God awaiting their final fate. This day is a time when no race or status can be claimed superior. The pilgrimage is also a reminder that Mecca alone in the world was honoured by God in being the centre of monotheism since the time of Abraham and it will continue to be the centre until the end of time.

The pilgrimage is a course of devotion to God alone and Muslims go to Mecca to glorify God alone. The Ka'ba at Mecca is considered to be the spiritual centre of Islam and the spiritual homeland of every Muslim. It is to Mecca that the believers turn their faces in prayer five times a day.

The hajj to Mecca is an obligation only for those who are physically and financially able to perform it. The rites of the pilgrimage include circling the Ka'ba seven times and going seven times between the mountains of Safa and Marwa as did Hajar

during her search for water with her infant son Ismael. The close of the hajj is marked by the festival of Eid Al Adha.

Al hajj is marked by offering a sacrifice in order to celebrate the devotional course as well as to feed poor so they may feel the universal joy of the eid day. This duty is not only undertaken by pilgrims, but by all able Muslims all over the world. Lambs are sacrificed in memory of the lamb Abraham sacrificed to God in place of his son Ismael. It was made known to Prophet Abraham that he must slay his son. Because he couldn't bear to see Ismael's face when he slayed him, Abraham placed his son on his stomach. As he was ready to carry out the revelation, an angel appeared and told him, "Abraham, you believed the revelation." A big lamb was sent down from Paradise and was thus sacrificed instead of Ismael.

To all those pilgrims who gather from all over the world, may God accept their hajj and to those who remain behind, may they all have a happy eid and enjoy the blessing of peace and contentment!

## U.S.' mother of all parades

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climbed on top of a "Bradley Fighting Vehicle" passing along the parade route, the crowds cheered and applauded.

The debate is more than just a difference in opinion between those who opposed the war and those who supported it. It is also about political posturing. For politicians, the celebrations provide political capital for the 1992 presidential elections, a theme rendered no less important by the fact that the U.S. was not in the best of shapes economically when the war started.

"This is good for America," said President Bush of the "Desert Storm" celebrations. Republicans boast that the celebrations are an acknowledgement of the success of the military campaign and the resulting liberation of Kuwait.

According to Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder, a Democrat who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the victory parade which lasted longer than the ground war itself, is no more than a celebration of weaponry.

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The other hand, the Democrats, the majority of whom were opposed to the

war, while finding it difficult to criticise the celebrations, say very little has been achieved overseas for Americans to be celebrating in this manner. Members of the Kuwaiti opposition attest that democracy is far from materialising in their country; the Gulf war and its aftermath have brought considerable suffering to the Kurds, and the Arab-Israeli conflict is far from being resolved.

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A full-page colour advertisement in the Washington Post by the Saudi embassy thanked the American people, President Bush, members of Congress and "the courageous men and women of the U.S. armed forces" for what it called America's stalwart stand in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

## Algerian military holds 34

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non-party government to ensure fair conduct of a general election.

He did not promise a quick presidential election, which was also demanded by the fundamentalists.

The new prime minister, former foreign minister Sid Ahmad Ghazali, told Algerians in a 10-minute television speech his cabinet would be named within a few days.

The arrests were made since President Abdali Benjedid put the country under a state of siege on Wednesday.

The military communiqué said troops were hunting six bearded men in military uniform who broke into a firm's offices in Oum El Bougach, some 400 kilometres east of the capital on Saturday.

Troops making a routine check at Batna, 330 kilometres southeast of Algiers, arrested four armed FIS activists, the military said, but gave no other details.

Late Sunday, Algeria's new prime minister said he will form a

## 2 Jordanians convicted

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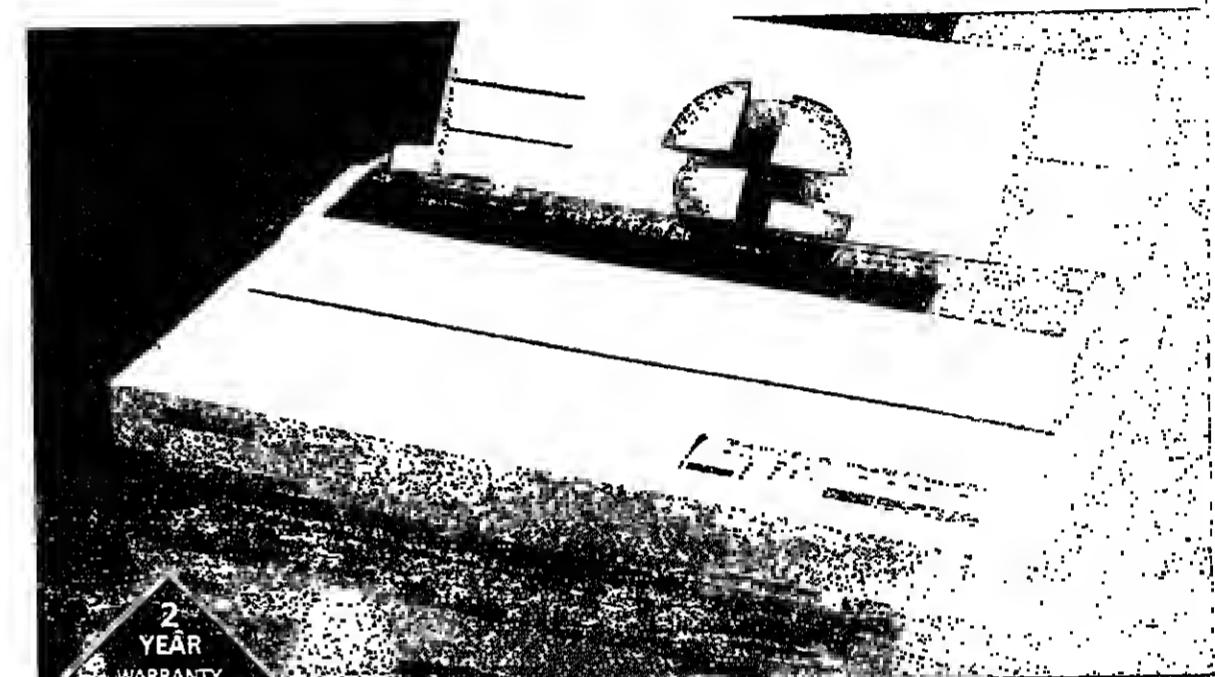
tia included many old men and children considered unfit or of the wrong age for regular military service.

Other charges range from theft to possession of firearms, forging documents and collaboration with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which backed Bagdad in the Gulf crisis.

On Saturday a bedouin who said he joined the militia because of death threats to himself and his family was sentenced to hang.

He has no right of appeal under martial law provisions but a weekend announcement by the justice ministry said a panel of three legal experts had been set up to review all verdicts.

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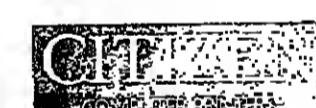


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## SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sao Paulo takes championship

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Former Brazil soccer coach Tele Santana won his first major title in 20 years as Sao Paulo drew 0-0 with Bragantina to win the Brazilian soccer championship final Sunday. Sao Paulo, needing only to draw after winning Wednesday's first leg 1-0, duly achieved the result they wanted but ignored their coach's preference for attacking soccer. In a bad-tempered match, they rarely ventured out of their own half, committed numerous fouls and were guilty of time-wasting as they earned Santana, Brazil's coach to the 1982 and 1986 World Cups, his first title since 1971. Bragantina created few clear chances, striker Mazinho missing his team's best chance in the 75th minute when he fired the ball straight at Sao Paulo goalkeeper Zetti from point blank range. Sao Paulo were dangerous on the break and should have scored in the 12th minute when striker Muller fired over the Bragantina goal from six metres after Macedo's header had rebounded off the crossbar. Midfielder Rai, tightly marked for most of the match, also hit the Bragantina bar with a half-volley from the edge of the penalty area in the last minute.

### Chicago wins 97-82

LOS ANGELES (Agencies) — Michael Jordan scored 28 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 97-82 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers Sunday giving the Bulls a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven games National Basketball Association (NBA) championships. The Bulls will have a chance to win their first ever NBA title Wednesday here when they face the Lakers in game five. If necessary, games six and seven will be played in Chicago. Jordan led Chicago with 28 points, the 16th consecutive time he's led his team in scoring. He also had 13 assists, his third game in double figures in the finals. The Lakers who have now lost three successive games after winning the opening contest in Chicago, were led by Yugoslavian centre Vlade Divac, who scored 27 points, Magic Johnson, the Lakers superstar guard, had 22, while James Worthy added 12.

### Japan wins over Spurs

TOKYO (R) — Japan delighted an ecstatic crowd of 45,000 Sunday by beating English F.A. Cup holders Tottenham Hotspur 4-0 to win the annual Kirin Cup International Round-Robin Tournament. Spurs, listless and un inventive at the end of a long domestic season, conceded three goals in the first-half and never remotely looked like closing the gap.

### Hertha Berlin forced to play amateur

FRANKFURT (R) — Hertha Berlin, who were relegated this season after just a year in the German first division, have lost their license to play in professional soccer because of mounting debts. The German Soccer Federation (DFB) decided Monday to withdraw licenses from Hertha and second division side Rot-Weiss Essen because both "lacked the ability to perform financially." Hertha will now be forced to play in Germany's amateur Oberliga. They have been reported as having financial liabilities of some 6.2 million marks (\$3.5 million). They have just over a week to appeal against the ruling.

### Gibraltar seeks Olympic membership

BIRMINGHAM, England (R) — Sports officials from the British Colony of Gibraltar held an hour-long meeting with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Sunday in an attempt to gain recognition in time for next year's Barcelona games. Nigel Pardo, secretary-general of the unofficial Gibraltar Olympic Committee (GCC), handed over a memorandum setting out the colony's claim for membership of the Olympic movement. The document, submitted on the eve of an IOC executive board meeting which will precede the full IOC session later this week, included an allegation that the Spanish government had sought to block Gibraltar's participation in sports events on Spanish soil, including the Olympics. After his meeting with IOC Director-General Francois Carrard, Pardo said he would discuss further moves with Carrard by telephone tomorrow. "The IOC has not formally accepted or rejected our memorandum, although Carrard said the prospects that it would be included on the official agenda were slim," Pardo said.

### Boxers inducted into Hall of Fame

CANASTOTA, New York (AP) — Two-time former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and Sonny Liston, the man who dethroned him, were inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame Sunday along with 20 other past champions. All eight living inductees — seven champions and a trainer spanning more than a half century of boxing — were on hand for the 90-minute ceremony, as well as previously inducted champions and special guests, including former middleweight champion "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler. Before the living members received their rings and were formally inducted into the 3-year-old museum, 15 other past champions from the modern, old-timer and pioneer eras, and three non-boxers also were enshrined.

### Bundesliga forced to find two trophies

BONN (R) — Official have been forced to produce two trophies as the German League soccer season reaches an exciting climax Saturday. The real silver salar bowl will be in Cologne where leaders Kaiserslautern need a point to win their first title for nearly four decades, Bundesliga officials said Monday. But a replica will also be sent to Munich where Bayern, two points behind, could take the championship on goal difference if they beat Bayer Uerdingen and Kaiserslautern lose.

### GOREN BRIDGE

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Deb ate will always rage over what were the best years of bridge. In our opinion, the Golden Age was in the 1930s, when the likes of Ely Culbertson, David Burnside, Howard Schenck, Oswald Jacoby, Helen Sobel, Hal Sims in the U.S., Edward Rayne, Maurice Harrison Gray, Leslie Dodds, Adam Meredith in Britain, and Pierre Albaran in France were their magic favorites from that time is a hand played in 1937 by a relative unknown, Lee

Langdon of New York.

If the bidding looks a little strange, in those days it was fashionable to start with stronger rather

than longer suits first, and responders bid their higher-ranking four-card suits in preference to a lower-ranking suit if they intended bidding more than one bid. The final contract in four spades was a considerable stretch.

It looked as if the game was doomed for sure when West got off to a diamond lead. However, declarer played as if all the cards were in plain sight.

Declarer won the opening lead and ran the ten of clubs successfully. The club finesse was repeated, and the ace of trumps was cashed as a precaution against anyone ruffing a club with a low trump.

A diamond was discarded from the closed hand on the ace of clubs and, when the king dropped, right appeared at the end of the tunnel. Declarer led dummy's high club and sluffed the last diamond from the closed hand. When West ruffed with the king, all the remaining cards were mop-up operation. The defenders could collect their two heart tricks but sooner or later declarer would gain the lead to draw the last trump and claim 10 tricks.

## Doubts plague Agassi after loss to Courier

PARIS (Agencies) — Andre Agassi was supposed to be the leader of a new and impressive generation of American tennis players.

But, instead, his third loss in as many Grand Slam Finals has left him riddled with self-doubt.

"Who knows how many shots you have at a Grand Slam," said Agassi after watching another of his generation, Jim Courier, receive the French Open winner's trophy at Roland Garros.

"It is rare when somebody gets to experience that moment in time. As far as my career is concerned, this is the most disappointing moment of my life," added Agassi, close to tears.

The 21-year-old Agassi had played superbly throughout the Roland Garros fortnight, knocking out world number two Boris Becker in the semifinals, to reach the final for the second year running.

But, as in Paris last year and the U.S. Open in September, he fell at the fast hurdle, playing an error-ridden game to lose 3-6 6-4 to Courier.

The ninth-seeded Courier, who also nudged Agassi out of fourth place in the world rankings with his victory, was, like Andres Gomez last year and champion Pete Sampras at Flushing Meadow, playing his first Grand Slam final.

His coach, Jose Higueras, says Courier won't stop now.

"He's a very dedicated worker," Higueras said. "He's not satisfied with being no. 1 or winning the French Open. He wants



Jim Courier



Andre Agassi

to do better than that."

Courier plays a blunt style of tennis, reliant almost totally on brute power, and he can be blunt off the court, too.

When a reporter asked how Courier would prepare for the start of Wimbledon later this month, the red-haired Floridian replied:

"That's the dumbest question in the world. Don't spoil my day."

Courier was born in Sanford, Florida, son of a sales executive. At 13, he decided to make tennis, not baseball, his vocation.

"That was a dumb choice in hindsight," he once said. "I could be making 3 million dollars a year — guaranteed — if I was just batting .280. I was kind of stu-

pid."

He, Agassi and women's champion Monica Seles all attended Nick Bollettieri's Tennis Academy in Bradenton, Florida. But Courier decided the wasn't getting the deserved degree of attention and broke with Bollettieri.

Did he feel a sense of revenge after beating Agassi?

"Not at all," Courier said. "That time passed a long time ago."

Agassi concurred.

"There were just two professionals out there doing their best. That's as far as it goes," he said.

But the irony of the French Open in recent years is that its surprise winners have then faded fast, throwing a cloud of doubt

over the value of the clay court tournament as an accurate reflection of the state of world tennis.

Michael Chang, another of Agassi's American contemporaries, won the 1989 French title in his first Grand Slam final.

Though he has reached the quarter-finals twice since and helped the American squad to win the Davis Cup last year, Chang has not had a particularly brilliant run and won only one title, the Canadian Open, in 1990.

Gomez's star was extremely brief. After beating Agassi in four sets at last year's French Open, the Ecuadorian shrimp farmer slumped so badly he decided not to come back to defend the title this year.

In the 1980s, players such as Bjorn Borg, Ivan Lendl and Mats Wilander were crowned French champions, accurately reflecting their achievements elsewhere.

Faster balls and, this year, harder courts have changed the nature of the tournament, the only Grand Slam event played on clay.

Agassi's mental anguish, magnified by having to cope with two rain breaks in the second set, contributed largely to his defeat.

His only consolation is that his triumphant opponent, who like Agassi and women's champion Monica Seles is a product of the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Florida, still believes in his compatriot.

"He will have his day, there is no doubt it," said Courier. "He is too good a player to be denied in his whole career."

## HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY JUNE 11, 1991

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**SCORPIO:** (October 23 to November 21)

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**SAGITTARIUS:** (November 22 to December 21)

Whatever you do is good to do

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**MOON CHILDREN:** (June 22 to July 21)

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which to please an official or any

higher up, this is the time to do it and get his support, so desirable.

**LEO:** (July 22 to August 21)

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can help you to take that trip to expand mentally, educational-wise

and you make this a very profitable day.

**VIRGO:** (August 22 to September 21)

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from the past that has been on your mind bugging you for sometimes to listen.

**LIBRA:** (September 23 to October 22)

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the question that has on the minds

of you and your partner for some

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**CAPRICORN:** (December 22 to January 20)

Make a point to open up

some new ways to get more

accord with those to whom you are

basically attached and whose

approval is required now.

**AQUARIUS:** (January 21 to February 19)

You are able to dash hither

and thither now making appoint

ments, seeing companions, doing

errands, getting supplies, making

sales.

**PISCES:** (February 20 to March 20)

This is your time to think about

how much money you have and

how you can have a greater

amount of income and for devising

ways to improve your property.

## EUROPEAN SOCCER

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GENOA, Italy (R) — Roma

# Economy

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## U.S. remains world's biggest debtor despite new calculations

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States is still the world's biggest debtor nation, but it's not nearly as deep in the red as first thought, new figures released by the U.S. Commerce Department on Sunday show.

The figures, which attempt to value the United States' overseas assets at current prices rather than at the prices at which they were bought, show the United States anywhere from about \$200 billion to more than \$380 billion better off in 1989 than originally reported.

But the United States was still in the red that year, the latest for which statistics are available, by hundreds of billions of dollars.

Right-wing economists have long argued that the Commerce Department's old calculation of the United States' net international investment position

painted an excessively gloomy picture.

That is because those calculations valued U.S. overseas assets at the price at which they were bought, usually years ago, and not at the much higher price they would fetch now.

According to the old calculations, the United States became a debtor nation as far back as 1984 and was in the red in 1989 by \$563.75 billion.

Responding to such criticism, the Commerce Department has come up with two alternative methods of measuring the U.S. net international investment position.

He said the new data show that foreigners who are now buying factories, equipment and land in the United States are just "trying to catch up" with the United States, which has been doing the same for years.

## Algeria, Occidental sign oil exploration agreement

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria signed an oil exploration contract Sunday with Occidental Petroleum Corp. of the United States.

Under the contract, the Los Angeles-based company will invest at least \$32 million in prospecting for oil in an area of 23,000 square kilometres near Hassi R'Mel, in the Sahara, the Algerian state oil company Sonatrach said in a statement.

Since 1986, Algeria has sought to attract foreign companies to carry out exploration to increase its oil and gas reserves on which most of its wealth depends.

It has subsequently signed several exploration contracts covering more than 75,000 square kilometres, notably with Spanish, French and American firms, Andarko, in 1989.

Under those contracts, about \$500 million is being invested in some 50 exploration wells.

## Two Gulf Arab cement companies to merge

MANAMA, Bahrain (R) — A joint Saudi-Bahraini cement company and a Saudi Arabian firm are to merge.

The Dammam-based Saudi Cement Company Limited (SCCL) said it would merge with the Saudi Bahraini Cement Company (SBCC) following agreement by their shareholders.

The new company will be able to produce 10,700 tonnes of cement per day.

SCCL public affairs representative, Mr. Youssef Muaiqib, told Reuters the plan had received initial agreement from the Saudi Arabian ministry of commerce.

"Final arrangements to complete the merger process are now rested with the commerce and industry ministries," a statement from SCCL said.

Established in 1980, SBCC is a joint stock company with shareholders from Saudi Arabia and Bahrain which manufactures cement and imports raw materials.

SBCC said it made a net profit of 74.25 million riyals (\$19.8 million) in calendar 1990 while SCCL, established in 1955, said it posted a 70.68 million riyal (\$18.34 million) net profit during the same period.

Mr. Hadid classified the financial set up in Jordan into five categories:

First, he pointed out, Jordanian banks were established after the British clearing bank's example which attract public deposits and invest them again in various economic sectors.

The investments were mostly in the form of overdrafts or advances under current account which often turned into permanent loans over time.

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

TOKYO — Stocks closed sharply lower with investors scared off by New York's weakness on Friday and the soft yen and bond prices. The Nikkei average fell 436.7 to 24,598.38.

SYDNEY — The Australian market was closed to mark Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

HONG KONG — Stocks finished weaker but off lows with the blue-chip Hang Seng index down 16.58 at 3,621.19.

SINGAPORE — The market closed weak with widespread falls on bearish sentiment. The Straits Times industrial index fell 20.56 points to close at 1,529.62.

BOMBAY — The Bombay Stock Exchange was closed after heavy monsoon rains paralysed the city.

FRANKFURT — The 30-share DAX index fell 4.72 points to end at 1,704.92 after losses on Wall Street on Friday and in Tokyo on Monday.

ZURICH — Shares closed lower in lacklustre trading. The SPI index ended six points down at 1,114.8.

PARIS — The CAC-40 index finished 6.26 points down at 1,846.25, its first close below the psychological threshold of 1,850 since May 30.

LONDON — News of the biggest fall in U.K. pay deals in more than a decade sparked talk of another cut in interest rates but the market closed off the day's highs. The FTSE index ended 5.6 points up at 2,511.9.

NEW YORK — New York's Gulf war victory parade distracted traders and kept volume low. At 1605 GMT the Dow average was up 1.12 points to 2,977.86.

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Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin		
	Date: 9/6/1991	
Currency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	.684	.686
Sterling Pound	1.1418	1.1475
Deutsche Mark	.5854	.5875
Swiss Franc	.4500	.4523
French Franc	.1138	.1144
Japanese Yen*	.4869	.4893
Dutch Guilder	.3423	.3440
Swedish Krona	.1076	.1081
Italian Lira*	.0520	.0523
Belgian Franc	.01874	.01883

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at mid-session on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling	1.6690/6700	U.S. dollar	Canadian dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.1495/1500	Deutschmarks	Dutch guilders
	1.7700/10	Swiss francs	Belgian francs
	1.9915/25	French francs	Italian lire
	1.5130/40	Japanese yen	Swedish kronas
	5.9928/42	Norwegian kronas	Danish kronas
	5.9923/75	U.S. dollars	
	1312/1313		
	141.20/30		
	6.3500/50		
	6.8930/80		
	6.7875/25		
One ounce of gold	370.00/370.50		

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## Prominent banker recommends removing barriers between typified Jordanian banks

By Samir Shafiq  
*Special to the Jordan Times*

AMMAN — Through modern and technically-advanced legislation, the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), the commercial and investment banks and other financial companies in the Kingdom should move to introduce a new form of institutions in Jordan, known internationally as "universal banks," a prominent financier told a group of bankers, economists and government officials Saturday evening.



Jawad Hadid

Jordan by also granting medium and long-term credit extensions, exceeding five years and up to 15 years, compared to the short term operations of commercial banks whose deposits and loans are usually of one-year tenor and mostly cover import businesses on the lending part.

The lecturer said that the second category of investment banks and financial companies was however constrained by the interest rate ceiling of the past years, the income tax structure, and other limitations which hindered the investment banks and companies from advancing into areas of pricing share offerings and managing funds on behalf of customers in addition to the other services, such as syndicated loans, which were taken previously by commercial banks.

Mr. Hadid also cited the general immaturity of the economic climate in Jordan and consequently the rigidity of regulations and guidelines governing various operations as a factor which held back the development of a capital market effectively.

Moreover, the restrictions on accepting deposits and the level of obligatory reserves requested by the Central Bank, along with other drawbacks, pressured these institutions to venture into lending to risky projects and, later, into slowly entering the areas of commercial banking without having the financial resources enjoyed by it.

Over the years, Mr. Hadid continued, the investment banks

and companies were repeatedly requesting the lifting of more barriers separating them from commercial banking in order to improve their operations.

The third category, according to the lecturer, was the Housing Bank which he compared to the U.S. thrifts or savings and loans institutions.

He said the bank was very successful in attracting deposits from a large base that extended to remote villages and desert towns in as much as it was successful in financing house building for limited-income citizens.

However, the Housing Bank managed to escape the trap of interest rates and the problem of short-term deposits and long-term lending by branching out its activities to all areas related to real estate, such as financing imports of building materials and other construction projects alongside the commercial banks.

Mr. Hadid named the Islamic banks as being the fourth category and said that they were the closest to the "universal bank" ideology, except for the element of interest which makes the difference. He noted that Islamic banks tie commercial banking and investment banking in a unique form and that their operations include aspects of a mutual fund scheme.

But the ABC general manager cautioned that Islamic banks face the problem of finding a "lender of last resort" — which is usually the central bank of a country —

due to the interest factor involved which also affects the "placement" of the huge liquidity usually kept by such banks to meet unforeseen developments.

The fifth banking category in Jordan, according to Mr. Hadid, were the specialised credit institutions which he described as being instrumental for any country or government although they carry major risks having to finance a specific economic sector regardless of its potential, profitability or prospects.

Summarising his lecture, Mr. Hadid said that the whole world was moving towards adopting the concept of "universal banks," being pushed to that goal by the U.S. experience and the technological advancements in the field of communication.

Furthermore, he explained, "universal banks" minimise risks in all areas and boost the credibility of such institutions. He added that "universal banks" enjoy highest credit ratings in the world.

Mr. Hadid concluded by urging the Central Bank to focus, in its drive for banking reform, on lifting all barriers between the functions of all kinds of banks and financial companies. He also called on the various financial entities to merge, suggesting having a separate investment arm and another commercial arm with highly qualified experts, at the senior and junior levels at each one of them, termed by Mr. Hadid as "supermarket banks."

## Israel seeks \$500m IMF loan

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel will turn to the International Monetary Fund for the first time in 13 years, seeking a loan of up to \$500 million because of losses caused by the Gulf war, the central bank said Monday.

The statement by Mr. Amnon Yaacobi, spokesman for the Bank of Israel (BOI), followed

bank estimates that Israel lost \$700 million in the crisis, mostly through the collapse of tourism, lower exports and higher oil prices.

The country is struggling to finance the absorption of a wave of Soviet immigrants and officials say it will need to borrow billions of dollars abroad in coming years.

A central bank source said the IMF had created a fund for Middle East countries hurt by the Gulf crisis, with a ceiling set at

\$500 million for Israel.

The Israeli request will coincide with the arrival next month of an IMF delegation for its annual appraisal of the country.

The IMF inspection of the loan request is technical. I expect they will approve the loan, as Israel's balance of payments is basically sound," the source said.

Israel's last IMF loan was taken out in 1978 after an export drop. Abstaining from IMF loans has enabled it to ignore recommendations by the fund for a tighter

budget and more flexible foreign currency system.

The BOI said Israel had not borrowed from the IMF in the last decade because its foreign currency reserves and economic situation did not justify it.

According to the BOI, Israel will be free to use the loan in any way it chooses.

Last month the government appointed Mr. Jacob Frenkel, the IMF's chief economist, as governor of the BOI. He will take over in August.

## Tehran plans orders worth billions of marks in Germany

BONN (R) — Iran intends to place orders worth billions of marks with German firms, Economics Minister Juergen Moellemann said following a week-long visit by Iranian Mines and Metals Minister Mohammad Hussein Mahlojchi.

One order for about 600 million marks (\$345 million) has been awarded to trading house Kloeckner und Co.A.G., owned by Vias A.G., the daily newspaper Die Welt has said.

A spokesman for Kloeckner would neither deny nor confirm

## SABIC reports 34% increase in net profit

MANAMA, Bahrain (R) — Saudi Arabian Industries Corp (SABIC) has said its net profit for the first quarter of 1991 rose 33.7 per cent to 695.88 million riyals (\$186 million) from \$20.5 million a year earlier.

Total output rose to 2.45 million tonnes from 2.41 million tonnes for the same period a year

ago. SABIC products include steel, petrochemicals, plastics and fertilisers.

Deputy Chairman Ibrahim Ben Abdulla Ben Salameh said in a statement that total income for the first quarter of 1991 rose to 2.226 billion riyals from 2.033 billion riyals in the same period the previous year.

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## De Klerk says South African trade with Africa set to boom

JOHANNESBURG (R) — President F.W. De Klerk said after a ground-breaking visit to Kenya that African resistance to trade with South Africa was crumbling as fast as apartheid.

"It's like a dam wall bursting. If we can bring a successful visit to two more important countries in Africa we will have turned things around," he told reporters.

Speaking Sunday as his plane flew south over the Indian Ocean to skirt Tanzania, which denies overflight rights to South Africa, De Klerk declined to specify what countries he hoped to visit next.

But Foreign Minister Pik Botha said on Kenyan Television that De Klerk might go to Nigeria later this year.

Minister of Energy Minister George Bartlett told Reuters during the flight that Kenyan officials promised during talks in Nairobi to lift a ban on South African tenders for industrial contracts within weeks.

Trade and Industry Minister Org Marais said South Africa could undercut the West and even Pacific suppliers with many products more suited to Africa. "For our manufacturing indus-

try, Africa is the ideal market," he said.

De Klerk appeared to hint at further travels in Africa this year when he visited game park straddling the equator at Nanyuki.

Aides and cabinet ministers travelling with De Klerk were ecstatic about the progress they said was made.

Botha said the talks opened the way for a major increase in trade within Africa, where South Africa dominates the sub-Saharan economy.

South Africa's 1980 gross domestic product of \$120 billion almost equalled the total of \$130 billion GDP of the remaining 39 countries of the sub-Saharan continent, he said.

"What we are doing now is peanuts... there is potential for a massive increase in trade," Botha said.

"As long as apartheid was there, it was not reasonably possible for any African country to support through trade the government that was oppressing their own African brothers."

Now, with the last apartheid laws set for repeal by the end of June, trade could multiply ten-fold from the present bilateral level of about \$12 billion a year.

Moi and De Klerk met for three hours Saturday and again Sunday.

## Senate leaders warn Bush about rushing arms treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders say President George Bush should not rush to complete a strategic arms agreement ahead of a summer summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

"I don't think we ought to try to meet any artificial deadlines," Senate minority leader Bob Dole of Kansas said Sunday.

Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, expressed concern that arms control negotiators will "end up making some mistakes" if they speed a pact in time for the as-yet unannounced Moscow summit.

"I'd rather see them go ahead with the summit without rushing the negotiations," Nunn said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

Sen. Bill Bradley charged that Gorbachev was trying "a new form of nuclear blackmail" by warning that failure to help the Soviet Union could jeopardise world peace.

"I don't think that we should be blackmailed by the threat," Bradley, a relentless critic of U.S. aid for the Soviets, said on ABC-TV's "This Week with David Brinkley."

The White House and Kremlin have said Bush and Gorbachev were considering a summit before the world's seven largest industrialised nations gather for their annual economic summit in London July 15-17. Gorbachev is expected to go to London to plead for Western help, as he did in his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech last week in Oslo.

The two superpowers are still struggling to finish work on the pact to reduce their long-range nuclear arsenals by 30 per cent. A U.S. official said privately Saturday that a summit "won't happen in June and it may not happen in July."

The differences include how much data the two superpowers will exchange on missile flight tests and whether warheads removed from multiple-warhead launchers can be placed on other missiles.

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show that the Soviets should be given most-favoured-nation trade status to spur "pure capitalist transactions" between the two superpowers.

Bradley replied: "No president, no chancellor of West Germany, no president of France can tell business people to invest in the Soviet Union in order to lose money. The Soviet Union has to make the changes domestically that will attract that capital."

Bradley said Gorbachev had refused top reduce defence expenditures or "take even modest steps toward a market-oriented economy."

Nunn said any Western help "should come through the IMF (International Monetary Fund) and the World Bank... that are accustomed to putting conditions on aid."

Nunn said private U.S. enterprise should be encouraged to help the Soviets develop their oil and gas resources and convert their military to peacetime uses.

He cautioned against making such private deals conditional on the Soviets' ending aid to Cuba or solving internal problems.

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## Japan's foreign minister seeks Hanoi's help on Cambodia

HANOI (R) — Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama will seek Hanoi's help to solve the Cambodian conflict when he visits Vietnam this week and is likely to promise a lot of aid once a solution is found, Asian diplomats said Monday.

"Japan would like Vietnam to help facilitate the Cambodian peace process," said one diplomat before Monday's scheduled arrival of Nakayama, the most senior Japanese official to visit Vietnam.

"Vietnam can expect a great amount of economic assistance from Japan for its economic recovery," the diplomat said.

Nakayama would meet Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen in Ho Chi Minh City Thursday to try to unblock the peace process, after two days of talks with Vietnamese leaders in Hanoi, one diplomat said.

Nakayama was expected to express Japan's official support for market-oriented reforms that Vietnam introduced in 1987, diplomats said.

## Heatwave in Pakistan kills 300

KARACHI, Pakistan (R) — A searing heatwave roasting Pakistan's southern Sind province killed at least 200 people Sunday, raising the toll to more than 300, Hyderabad Mayor Aftab Ahmad Sheikh said Monday.

"Hell has opened its door on Sind. The hell is raining heat on Sind," Sheikh said in a telephone interview.

Some 70 people died Sunday around Hyderabad, 150 kilometres northeast of Karachi. The mayor said figures had not arrived from remote areas and the toll could rise.

A Sind government spokesman said special arrangements had been made at government hospitals where "heat stroke" centres had been opened to provide medical aid to affected people.

His visit was at an important time for Vietnam, two weeks before a congress at which the Communist Party will set economic and political policies for the next five years, they said.

Nakayama is expected to meet party chief Nguyen Van Linh, Prime Minister Do Muoi, President Vo Chi Cong and Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach.

Japan is Vietnam's biggest non-socialist trade partner, according to Japanese figures.

Japan wanted Vietnam to put more pressure on its proteges in Cambodia to implement the U.N. peace plan, but did not agree with the U.S. view that Hanoi still had final decision-making power over Phnom Penh, another diplomat said.

"From the Japanese government's point of view, Phnom Penh is a bit more independent of Hanoi," he said.

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Most of the dead were farmers and labourers felled by dehydration while working in their fields or on construction projects, doctors said. Many people have stopped working during the day.

The pre-monsoon heatwave, which began about 10 days ago, has sent temperatures close to the all-time official record of 53 degrees Celsius (127 Fahrenheit) set in Jacobabad on June 12, 1919.

In Sakrak north of Hyderabad the temperature touched an unofficial 52 degrees Celsius (125 Fahrenheit) Sunday.

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Muslim clerics in Larkana aimed mosque loudspeakers upwards at the weekend to direct their prayers for respite at the sky.

Ice sellers in the town were demanding 12 rupees (50 U.S. cents) a kilo, compared with only two rupees in the cool season.

In Karachi, an agriculture department official said recently sown cotton seeds had been affected because of water evaporation from fields in the heatwave.

Temperatures routinely rise to about 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) before the monsoon begins.

The heatwave has been made worse this year by low pressure over Sind, a spokesman for the meteorological department said.



F.W. de Klerk

## Thousands flee as Philippine volcano threatens U.S. base

CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines (R) — Thousands of Americans in a huge convoy of cars and buses Monday evacuated a major U.S. air base in the Philippines that a volcano threatens to smother in a torrent of molten rock and boiling mud.

Hundreds more Filipinos were evacuated as Mount Pinatubo spewed out ash, steam and red hot lava in a series of small scale explosions that rocked the long-dormant volcano during the day.

Pinatubo was the second volcano along the Pacific "Ring of Fire" to explode in the past week.

In Japan, Mount Unzen erupted a week ago, killing 38 people on Kynshu island, 1,000 kilometres southwest of Tokyo.

Philippine authorities set up evacuation centres in schools in three adjoining provinces and rushed in extra medical teams and supplies to counter increasing cases of respiratory, skin, eye and stomach infections.

Clouds of ash contaminated rivers around the sputtering volcano, and the state-run Philippine News Agency reported that some evacuation centres had run out of drinking water.

Molten rock, its temperature possibly as high as 1,000 degrees Celsius (1,800 Fahrenheit), threatened to engulf empty farming towns at the foot of the smoke-stricken mountain, 90 kilometres northwest of Manila.

Health officials said they were distributing food and clothing to

thousands, many of them Aeta tribesmen who lived around the foot of the volcano.

Officials at the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said flows of red hot rock and mud covered a 12-kilometre radius from the cone of the volcano, which exploded Sunday after lying dormant for 600 years.

No casualties have been reported from Sunday's explosion but the country's chief volcanologist warned a more powerful and destructive eruption was imminent.

Pinatubo may be gearing up for a bigger eruption. The present lull is deceptive. Stronger eruptions should be expected," Philippine volcanologist chief Raymund de Punzalan said in a television interview.

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the U.S. Subic Bay naval base to the west. More than 1,500 personnel were left to manage and provide security for the base, the spokesman, who declined to be named, said.

A big eruption could bury up to half the base, officials and volcanologists warned.

The Americans, riding in a three kilometre convoy of cars and vans, were being given temporary accommodation at Subic.

Children, clutched pet dogs and babies clung to scrubby dolls as cars packed with video cameras, household utensils, sleeping bags and luggage set out at dawn Monday, a towering ash cloud spewed out by the volcano visible in the distance.

"Who wants to evacuate? But the danger is there so we have to move out," said U.S. Air Force Sergeant Jim Pakle, driving with his wife and two sons to Subic Bay naval base, 80 kilometres northwest of Manila.

Helicopters flew above the convoy to protect the Americans, who have often been targets in the Philippines of attack by communist guerrillas of the New People's Army (NPA).

Some 16,000 of the 40,000 U.S. servicemen and dependents in the Philippines are stationed on or near Clark Air Base, headquarters of the U.S. 13th Air Force.

Aircraft, including C-130 transport planes and helicopters, were flown out of the base as a precaution after the eruption.

## Church mediates between students, police in S. Korea

SEOUL (R) — South Korean dissidents holed up in Seoul's Roman Catholic cathedral have until Saturday to give themselves up or face an attack on the building by riot police.

A cathedral spokesman said Monday police hoped priests could persuade wanted students and dissidents in the church to surrender before they were forced out.

Security around the Myeong-dong Cathedral in central Seoul has been tight since police were told Kang Ki-Hoon, vice-president of the nationwide dissident coalition Chaonminyon, had taken shelter there.

Kang, among 53 wanted dissidents, is suspected by police of having forged a suicide note left of Kim Ki-Sol, one of nine people who committed suicide in protest against the fatal police beating of a student in April.

"We will not have riot police storming into the church to drag away students who have come to the church for help," a priest told reporters Monday.

"It does not, however, mean that we are siding with the students. We want them out of here too, but violence is not the answer."

Kang has been in the church compound since May 18, the day of the funeral for Kang Kyung-Dae, who was beaten to death April 26 by riot police using iron pipes.

Riot police have surrounded the cathedral in Seoul's busiest street and several stand guard near the entrance.

Police met cathedral officials inside the church Monday and gave them until Saturday to persuade students and dissidents to give themselves up or be forcibly evicted.

"If nothing happens until Saturday, then we have no choice but to forcefully bring them out," a police commander told reporters.

"We have the arrest warrants and we can't wait forever."

The government is pulling no punches in cracking down on the student demonstrations which began in late April. Authorities seem positive they have the support of the populace.

"Students made a stupid mistake when they assaulted the prime minister," said a radical student who identified himself only as Cho. "The whole thing was a set-up. Students just fell right into the government's trap."

Prime Minister Chung Won-Shik was pelted with eggs and flour and manhandled for half an hour while visiting a Seoul campus last week.

Cho said those involved in the assault were freshmen and sophomores who were in high school when Chung fired 1,500 members of a teachers' union in 1987.

Cho was arrested for playing a leading role in this year's protests. He was freed from prison last October after having been sentenced to seven years in jail for visiting North Korea in 1989.

people died in other parts of surrounding Maharashtra state, the news agency said.

Up to 63 centimetres of rain fell Sunday in Bombay, United News of India said, breaking the previous known one-day record of 40 centimetres set on June 19, 1953 during another monsoon.

Trains stopped running, some packed with hundreds of passengers who were stranded for hours in outlying suburbs when the tracks were flooded, Press Trust of India said.

It would force voters to write the surname of their preferred candidates rather than indicate to plebiscites.

Opponents say the vote is a waste of money and the change would be a violation of voters' rights, arguing Italians would have less power with one vote.

Opinion polls have shown overwhelming support for the reforms. But analysts say opponents of the reform were unlikely to bother to vote.

Official figures showed northern Italians turned out in greater numbers than southerners to vote in the referendum. Southern voters are traditionally the ones who use the preference system most.

On Sunday, 37.4 per cent of voters in southern mainland regions had cast a vote compared with 51.3 in the north.

## Monsoon toll reaches 47 in Bombay

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The worst monsoon rains in at least four decades flooded one-fourth of Bombay over the weekend, killing at least 47 people as houses and walls collapsed under the torrential downpour.

The deaths brought the death toll to 87 in the summer monsoon that has in the past week swept up India's western coast, Press Trust of India said Monday.

In addition to the deaths reported in Bombay, at least eight

people died in other parts of surrounding Maharashtra state, the news agency said.

Indian Express, a national newspaper, reported from Bombay that the tracks were under 55 centimetres of water in some places. Flights in and out of Bombay were canceled or